



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Vargas, Jaime; et. al.  
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.  
Title: Incision Tensioning System and Method for Using the Same  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

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